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| **OEC** | **YEC** |
| **Our life experiences and worldview have an impact on our interests and beliefs about God’s world and God’s Word.** | |
| Earth is about 3.8 billion years old | Earth is about 6,000 years old, |
| Yom is translated as period of time, epoch | Literal translation n created in 6 -24 hour days |
| Does Gen 1 agree with Gen 2 (What is the Frame of Reference?) | Does Gen 1 agree with Gen 2 (What is the Frame of Reference?)  Appearance of Age (Haarsma, 112)—created in 6 days and God gives the appearance of Age  1961, Whitcomb and Morris (Haarsma, 118-19)—life does not evolve from non-life, geologic layers will show evidence of a global flood, there are no transitional life-form fossils; there were created by God. This is a major response to liberal Christianity of today and rejection of human evolution. They argue that recent creation is essential to Christian belief. An alternative to mainstream science is essential to fight the atheistic worldviews of society. (H 119).  Shrinking Sun – (H 120-21) 1979, Eddy & Boornazian reported that the sun had shrunk. The data was used to affirm YEC regarding age of the universes. Upon peer review their data was unreliable and not open to good scientific practices.  Q- How is contradictory data handled for correction, adjustment and redefining models? |
| There is agreement that ‘appearance of age’ could happen BUT, Did God embed in the universe a host of evidence that indicates history that never happened (Haarsma, 112). The question becomes one of inconsistency and elaborate false history, a real theological problem.  Evidence of Age—continental drift, earthquakes, undersea ridges, sea bed heights. (Haarsma, 115). Ice layers, Radiometric Dating,  How Does RTB view Gen 1 & 2?  How is contradictory data handled for correction, adjustment and redefining models? See RTB Model. |
| Prior to the 1600’s most Christians believed the earth was created a few thousand years ago…no natural evidence to think otherwise (Haarsma, 103). They also believed the earth did not move thru space. There were some that believed the days of creation were much longer—2 Pet 3:8, a day is like a 1000 years. Justin Martyr (AD 155) and Irenaeus (AD 189), Adam would surely die if he ate the apple yet lived 930 years Gen 5:5.  Augustine believed of instantaneous creation (354-430 AD)  Geology begins in the 1600’s with the belief of a catastrophic global flood (Noah, 104) Woodward and Burnett developed a natural history with that premise as they observed river valleys and fossils high in mountains and respective layers (strata). The reasoning was logical that denser-older layers would be lower in the strata and higher-younger higher respectively. From this concept [begin with the end in mind], they made predictions for the scientific world.  During the 1700’s and with more sophistication, the observations did not match the previous predictions (105-07) questioning the strata layers and idea of a global flood—there was not even stratification according to density, some rocks indicated multiple floods, volcanic activity and layered lave.  (108-09) By 1840, geologists, believers and nonbelievers acknowledged that the earth must be millions of years old, the flood was localized, and there is a long geologic history before the appearance of humans. The evidence of nature did not match the Biblical record as interpreted.  Conclusion; there was a commitment to interpret Genesis as literal, accurate history. As the book of nature led down a new path, how could the bible be interpreted?  ------ The order of events was OK, but the length of day was questionable and in conflict. As far as 24 hours.  **Gap Theory or Ruin-Restoration Interpretation** (Haarsma, 109) –universe is created mya or bya. The earth was formless and void due to another catastrophe and had to be restored, not recreated. The rest of Earth’s history begins about 10,000 ya. This resolves the age problem but not the scientific evidence!  **Day Age Theory** – late 1700’s, (Haarsma, 110) –the days of Gen 1 are long periods of time, the 7th day has not ended and if it is longer, then the other days can be too. Translations of the Hebrew term ‘yom’ are under consideration. While resolving the conflict with the time needed to match the scientific data, there is still conflict with the recorded sequence of events in Gen 1 and Gen 2.  **Appearance of Age** – (Haarsma, 112)—suggested in the early 1800’s, a six day creation event with the Appearance of age added. Scientific evidence cannot disprove the idea but theologically it present roadblocks.  **Fundamentalism** –how to resolve the book of nature and the Bible [Book of Scripture]? Haarsma ,113-14)—in 1859 Darwin and the Origin of the species…and the notions of natural selection and biological evolution.—rejecting Biblical authority, welcoming nontraditional views of God, and questioning miracles—liberal Christianity.  By the early 1900’s some conservative Protestants and Christian Catholics had rejected liberal Christianity for theological reasons and ensuing unacceptable religious consequences. The views of leading Protestants were collected in 1915 in 4 volume essays, ***The Fundamentals***, and thus the term derives. The goal; to lay out ‘essential’ doctrine, refute liberal Christianity, affirm Scriptural inerrancy and the historical death and resurrection of Jesus.  There was no mention of Young or Old Earth in the essays. There is mention of the order of creation and that man was created, not evolved but no definite ‘length of day’ arguments. | |

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